

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1656**

**PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Sidransky and Baylin Art Unit: 1632
Application No.: 09/225,904 Examiner: A.M. Beckerleg
Filed: January 5, 1999
Title: METHOD OF DETECTION OF NEOPLASTIC CELLS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from March 11, 2003 to April 11, 2003.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, April 10, 2003 , in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.
Carrie Casey

Signature

April 10, 2003

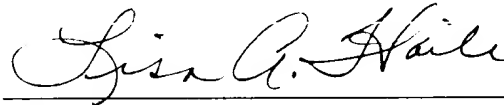
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Enclosed is Check No. 533860 in the amount of \$110.00 for the One (1) Month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 10, 2003



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